PRAYER

Fajr	5.26
Zuhar	12.15
Asr	4.15
Maghreb	5.49
Isha	7.05

Starting time in Karachi

REFLECTIONS

"UNFORTUNATE IS HE WHO CANNOT GAIN A FEW SINCERE FRIENDS DURING HIS LIFE AND MORE UNFORTUNATE IS THE ONE WHO HAS GAINED THEM AND THEN LOST THEM (THROUGH HIS DEEDS)."

— HAZRAT ALI (A.S.)

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Love Guru screening, dance and theatre workshops draw crowds

By Peerzada Salman

KARACHI: An insightful theatre workshop by Malaysian actress and acting coach Bella Rahim as part of the World Culture Festival on Saturday generated a great deal of interest in aspiring actors.

Among the many techniques that she masterfully taught them, in a very friendly way, was how to get up in the morning while watching sunrise. She told them that you're lying down on your right or left side, when you wake up realising the sun is rising, you don't have to get up quickly — you should look at the sun with intent and move in a slow but firm manner.

She invited groups of five or six students for each act, and they followed instructions wonderfully well. When one of them lay down in a casual way, Ms Rahim remarked, "This is not a photo shoot."

The second workshop of the day was by a Columbian folklore dance group Cayena Colfolk.

The performers introduced participants to traditional Colombian dance styles. People of all ages including children, youth and elders enthusiastically took part in the training session.

The film *Love Guru* directed by Nadeem Baig starring Humayun Saeed and Mahira Khan is the biggest box office success story of 2025. Released on June 6, it once again injected a spirit of optimism among Pakistani cine-goers that Pakistan's film industry may get back on its feet. While this is yet to be witnessed, but *Love Guru*'s screening as Marquee Day at the ongoing World Culture Festival on Saturday evening saw a big number of people turn up to watch the movie in the council's auditorium 2.

The story revolved around a man (played by Humayun) who helps people find their love interest. He is good at what he does. Things take a drastic turn when he is asked to break up the wedding of an architect Sophia Khan (Mahira).

Among members of the audience, there were people who had seen the film more than once. Talking to *Dawn*, one of them said we must promote Pakistani films.

COLUMBIAN dance group Cayena Colfolk teaches participants traditional dance styles.—Dawn

Russian consulate celebrates People's Unity Day

KARACHI: The Consulate General of the Russian Federation in Karachi hosted a grand reception to celebrate "People's Unity Day".

The event featured traditional dance performances by a Russian group, while an exhibition showcasing works by Russian artists was also held to mark the day.

The reception was attended by Sindh Governor Kamran Tessori, Sindh Assembly Speaker Syed Awais Qadir Shah, provincial ministers Zia Lanjhar, Syed Nasir Hussain Shah, Syed Zulfiqar Ali Shah, distinguished guests, diplomats, government officials, business leaders, media representatives and members of the cultural community.

Welcoming the guests, Russian Consul General Andrey Fedorov expressed his delight in marking the occasion with friends and partners in Pakistan.

Although the official "People's Unity Day" is celebrated on November 4, the consulate organised the event on November 7 — another date of global historical significance, marking the anniversary of the 1917 Revolution.

While the legacy of that revolution remains debated, no one can deny its profound impact on shaping modern history, politics, economies and societies, he noted.—APP

Man gets 20-year imprisonment for drug trafficking

By Our Staff Reporter

KARACHI: A special court for the Control of Narcotic Substances (CNS) has sentenced a drug trafficker to a total of 20 years in prison after two kilogrammes each of heroin and hashish were recovered from his possession while he was attempting to deliver the consignment at Machi Miani Market in Kharadar.

Special Court Judge Rajesh Chander Rajput found the accused, Aqil Khan, guilty and sentenced him to 10 years each on two counts, along with a fine of Rs400,000 on each count.

Regarding the absconding accused Abid Khan and Khurram Shahzad, the court ruled that the case file "shall be kept as dormant till their arrest and till then representative samples of case property shall be preserved by the concerned ANF police station while they shall destroy the bulk of contraband in presence of magistrate concerned as per rules but only when this judgment attains finality."

According to state prosecutor Abdul Hanan, acting on a tip-off provided by the Rangers, the Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) conducted a raid in January 2023 to apprehend drug trafficker Aqil Khan, who was approaching Machi Miani Market in Kharadar to deliver narcotics to a customer.

After spotting the ANF team, the accused attempted to flee; however, the law enforcement personnel managed to arrest him and recovered two kilogrammes each of heroin and hashish from his bag.

During the trial, prosecutor Hanan argued that prosecution witnesses reaffirmed the version of the FIR in their statements before the court and remained consistent during cross-examination. Thus, they successfully proved the charge against the accused beyond reasonable doubt.

The court noted that during the trial, the accused had claimed he was picked up by the Rangers from Lyari Expressway and was allegedly handed over to the ANF, who falsely implicated him in this case.

"This defence plea of accused was based upon his hollow words. When accused had taken this specific plea of defence then it was obligatory upon him to prove it through admissible evidence. Accused has, however, failed to produce any such evidence in his defense. Thus, accused fails to prove defense plea," the court observed.

A case was registered by ANF-Clifton under Sections 9(1), 3(c), 9(1)6(d), 14/15 of the CNS Act, 1997 (as amended in 2022).

Health emergency

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stated. It also criticised delayed and ineffective fumigation and what it described as a "collapse of municipal services". "Mandate the immediate clearing of stagnant water, open drains, and garbage dumps by local administrations to destroy mosquito breeding sites and enforce environmental health standards," the association demanded.

Over 200 admitted in Hyderabad hospitals

According to the health department data, a total of 429 patients — including 147 patients in Karachi and 203 in Hyderabad — are currently under treatment at private and public sector hospitals.

It said 25 people, including several children, have lost their lives to dengue fever since October.

Health Secretary Rehan Baloch, however, has claimed that dengue positivity in Hyderabad had declined from 46 per cent last week to 35pc this week.

"The government is closely monitoring the situation," he stated in a press statement.

Sharjeel hosts luncheon for visiting PPP leaders

By Our Staff Reporter

KARACHI: Pakistan Peoples Party leaders on Saturday reaffirmed their commitment to promoting national unity and democracy and vowed to play a constructive role for the country despite political challenges.

At a luncheon hosted by Sindh Senior Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon, key PPP leaders, including Punjab Governor Sardar Saleem Haider Khan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi, Balochistan Chief Minister Sarfaraz Bugti and Pakistan Peoples Party Central Executive Committee members Nayyar Hussain Bukhari, Nadeem Afzal Chan and Qamar Zaman Kaira, held a detailed discussion on the party's organisational affairs, the political situation in the country, and the party's future strategy.

Others present on the occasion included Chaudhry Manzoor, Humayun Khan, Member of National Assembly Aijaz Jakhrani, Sindh Local Government Minister Syed Nasir Hussain Shah, Labour Minister Saeed Ghani, Sohail Anwar Sial, Sajid Ishaq Dashti and Agha Shakeel Durrani.

A press statement issued after the meeting said that the participants also reviewed federal relations and public welfare projects.

The leaders appreciated the "people-focused policies and development initiatives" of the Sindh government and emphasised that the PPP had always prioritised public service, which remained the foundation of its political strength.

Senior Minister Memon briefed the PPP leaders on the ongoing development projects in Sindh, including the Peoples Bus Service, EV Bus Service, Sindh Peoples Housing Foundation, and Thar energy and other development initiatives.

The minister thanked all the leaders, stating that the party was steadily advancing its mission of public service, development, and stability under the leadership of PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari.

Suspect arrested after boy killed in aerial firing

KARACHI: Police on Saturday claimed to have arrested a man for allegedly killing an eight-year-old boy in an incident of aerial firing near Gujjar Nala on Friday night.

According to Gulberg police, a bullet fired from an unknown direction pierced the main door of a house near Gujjar Nala and hit the boy, Mehtab Husain, on the shoulder while he was in the courtyard. The child succumbed to his wound.

The body was shifted to the Abbasi Shaheed Hospital for medico-legal formalities.

During an initial probe, police found that a musical function was being held on the other side of Gujjar Nullah. A shopkeeper, identified as Aijaz, alerted Arif that the aerial firing had claimed the life of a child. Subsequently, the suspect and others closed the office and fled the scene.

Acting on a tip-off, police conducted a raid and arrested Arif, while efforts are under way to apprehend the remaining suspects. —Staff Reporter

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Dates	Camp Address	District	Dates	Camp Address	District
10-11-2025 to 12-11-2025	Mahmood Shah Bukhari Football Ground Chanesar Goth	Karachi	05-01-2026 to 07-01-2026	District Headquarter (DHQ) Hospital	Tando Muhammad Khan
08-12-2025 to 10-12-2025	OGDC's Sinjhoro Gas Field	Sanghar	12-01-2026 to 14-01-2026	OGDC Community Hospital, Qadirpur	Ghotki
12-12-2025 to 14-12-2025	OGDC's Bobi Oil Complex, BOC	Sanghar	17-01-2026 to 19-01-2026	Rural Health Center (RHC) Maru Reti	Ghotki
18-12-2025 to 20-12-2025	OGDC's Kunnar Oil Field	Hyderabad	23-04-2026 to 25-04-2026	OGDC's Khewari Operational Area	Khairpur
22-12-2025 to 24-12-2025	OGDC's Pasakhi Oil Field, Tando Jam	Hyderabad	27-04-2026 to 29-04-2026	Civil Hospital	Khairpur
29-12-2025 to 31-12-2025	OGDC's Tando Alam Oil Complex (TOC)	Hyderabad			

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